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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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TAKAHARU KONDO, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/693,914)	
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Filed: October 28, 2003)	
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For: ZINC OXIDE FILM,)	
PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE	:	
MAKING USE OF THE SAME,)	
AND ZINC OXIDE FILM	:	
FORMATION PROCESS)	May 14, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed articles are enclosed.

The listed articles are discussed at page 2 of the specification.

FORMAL MATTERS

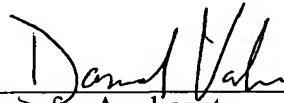
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Inoue et al., "Optical confinement effect in a-SiGe solar cells on stainless steel substrates", Extended Abstracts, Japan Society of Appl. Phys., 1990, p. 747.
	Sannomiya et al., "a-SiC/a-Si/a-SiGe Multi-Bandgap Stacked Solar Cells with Bandgap Profiling", Tech. Dig. Int. PVSEC-5, Kyoto, Japan, 1990, pp. 387-390.

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